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Dear Beverly,

Japanese Patent Application No. 70062/81
Your Ref: PM1088/89
Our File: 23844

Thank you for your fax enquiry of 21st May. The translations came in a week or two ago but I have been unable to deal with them earlier because I have found myself a new clerical appointment.

Copies of the translations are enclosed and, to save time, I am sending a copy directly to Jeff Ingerman.

A brief study of the translations suggests that the references have been cited purely on account of similarities in the drawings. It is clear that they concern modified cigarette constructions using ordinary tobacco filler, and there is no suggestion that the combustible part of the cigarette may be made of a moulded composition.

In No. 47-147396 a perforated tube is inserted into the tobacco rod of the cigarette to give a species of internal ventilation. In No. 49-147397 a somewhat similar effect is achieved by boring out the core of a cigarette and stiffening the resulting internal surface with starch.

Such disclosures relate only to the individual features of such dependent claims as claims 5 and 6 and have nothing to do with the more characteristic features of the invention.

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